### STATISTICS

### Of Railways in the United States.

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In considering the summaries contained in this report it may be well to hold in mind that the year to which they pertain is peculiar in several varieties. In the first place it includes the last four mouths of the Columbian Exposition, a fact quite apparent in connection with the statistics of passage traffic. In the second place the year was exceptional on account of the universal depression through which the country passed. The result of this decression is manifest in all the data presented throughent these report. In the third place it should be noted that never in the history of transportation in the United States has such a large percentage of railway mileage been under the control of receiverships as on June 31, 1894. There were on that date 192 railways in the hands of receivers, of which 126 had been consigned to receiverships during the year ending dure 37, 1893. These 192 roads may be classified as follows: Thirty-two were roads operating over 500 miles of line; 37 were roads operating trom 110 to 300 miles of line; 69 were roads of less than 100 miles in length; 4 were roads

not in operation, and the remaining 51 were subsidiary roads, parts of systems. The mileage of line operated by these defaulting companies was 40.818.81 miles. Seventy-right per cent, of this mileage is accounted for by the thirty-one important lines, each operating over 250 miles of line. The total capitalization of roads in the hands of receivers was about \$2.500.000,000, that is to say, one-fourth of the total railway capitalization of the country. This, as a record of insolvency, is without a paralled in the pravious history of American railways, except it be in the period from 1-32 to 1812. It is undoubtedly a result of the general business depression through which the country is parsung, but may be accepted for the purpose of explaining the facts of this report as exerting a distinct influence of its own.

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The statistical record of rai ways for the United States for the year ending June No. 1834, as, watermarked at the beginning of this report, shows that the railways have been sourcing under duancial embarrassments. For the purpose of bringing the pertinent fets bearing upon this point before the eye in a concise form the following summary has been prepared, which may be said to measure the effect of business depression upon the operation of railways. It embraces a statement of secreds items for the years 1880 to 1834, inclusive, and shows in every case either a decrease in the usual rate of progression or an actual decrease in the liems recorded.

# Summary Illustrating the Effect of the Business Depression on the Operations of

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Item.	1894.	1893.	1892.	1891.	1890.
Passengers carried	540 688,100 59,872,+18	500.56 (.612 82,602,101 14,220,101,681	29,774,218	38 753,133	492,433,865 20,759,522 11,847,785,6-7
Passengers carried 1 mile Increase	60,314 809	865,202,783	518,654 418	956,453,961	230,965,172
mile of line	81,333 9,116	81,521 1,521	2,043	3,891	75,711 426
Passenger train mileage Increase	826,503,219 9,115,551	885 618,770 18,079,887	817,538,189 9,610,935		283,573 894 8,835,000
Tons carried	635,185,158	745,119,489 38,546,011		675,608,823 87,066,766	686 541,617 96,952,034
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T us carried 1 mile per mile of line	457,929 93,980	£51,237 7,867	543,865 49,660		457,245 89,176
Freight train mileage	416,807,223 61,912,283	£08 719,506 23,817,187	485,402, -69 39,127,861	446, <b>2</b> 71,508 11,103,696	485 170 812 51,970,289

C-INCOME	AND	ENPENDITURES

ITEM.	1894.	1893.	1892,	1831.	1890.
nercase in gross earnings Decrease in pross carnings nercase in net carnings Decrease in net earnings	\$147,890,677 50,883,100	2.241.218			
nerease in income from other sources decrease in income from other sources.		7,658,833	8,049,656	7,114,062	1,597,869
ncresse in operating expenses becrease in operating expenses	93,516,976	46,923,303	49,110,103	29,502,922	47,287,170
ncrease in deductions from income		15,017,218			2000
Income	2,413,816	T OF OPERA	TIONS	**********	

## E-DECREASE IN ASSETS, 1894

ITEM.	Amount of Decrease.
Stocks owned. Bonds owned Cash and current assets. Materials and supplies.	\$ 6,986,188 108,225

Comment upon the facts in the above summary would be superfluous. Railway construction was arrested, deschopment of railway equipment was nearly stationary, railway employes were reduced, and that after a series of years which showed an average annual increase in the pay roll of 4125 employes.

The density of passonger traffic and freight traffic, after having experienced a progressive development for a series of years, was subjected to a marked decrease, the number of tone carried one mile per mile of line showing a decrease in 1891 of 93.980, as against an average annual increase of 9.15.551, ps. compared with an average annual increase of 9.15.551, ps. compared with an average annual increase of 9.15.51, ps. compared with an average annual increase of 9.15.51, ps. compared with an average annual increase of 9.15.51, ps. compared with an average annual increase of 9.15.51, ps. compared with an average annual increase of 9.15.51, ps. compared with an average annual increase of 9.15.51, ps. compared with an average annual increase.

for the same period of 31 879.633.

Every item on the income account shows a decrease, and the consequent deficit for the year ending June, 30, 1834, was \$45,851,239. The bulletes showed the result of decreased business. To ment the deficit occasioned by the payment of the usual dividends to stockholders and to operate the property, it was found necessary to reduce the corporate investment in stocks and bonds by \$7,034,4,3, to reduce the cash and current assets by \$41,12,673, and to deplete the fund of materials and supplies so that the stock on hand was worth \$13,383,283 less at the close than at the beginning of the year.

It is not competent for a statistical report to undertake an extended explanation of the facts which it records, and they are therefore presented without further comment.



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# Private Retreat For the Sick of Dr. Chas

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One of Roanoke's most useful institutions was visited by a reporter for this paper a few days ago, when it was decided for the benefit of the sick and suffering to write a description of it, as everything seemed most attractive and homelike. The war is and bees were fairly well filled and each one presented a cheerful appearance. We refer to Reb ksh hanitarium, a private retreat for the sick and for arrigical operations situated at 121 Eighth avenue sw in this city, on an elevated, well drained location and in the best neighborhood. It is entering on its fourth year.

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The careival operating room is aseptic and the only one of its kint in the State. Its floor, cell by and wals a nee of a matchial germ and dust viol early flashed with sterlided water before in op railon. I has from and glass tables for the patients, placing them easily in any position decided to rout a singleal operation. Also from the patients, placing them easily in any position decided to rout kinds of sterlyinizator for steriling she is towels, deresings, operating gowns an One of Roanoke's most useful institutions was

can be as rapidly performed in night as in day. Everything is systematized; minute examination and thistory of each patient is recorded and apply. Nursing it in charge of a graduated nurse of large evertices in one of the best hospitals of Philadelphia. Several assistants help to carry out all instructions. The prices are very reasonable at the institution when the accommodations are considered. The great amount of money expended in equipping this institution and the loss at which it has been run makes it highly commendatie in the management for undertaking and running such a valuable institution in this community and it behooves the people to patronize it especially when all things are equal. A competent c rps of thysicians act asconsaltants and ageit in operations.

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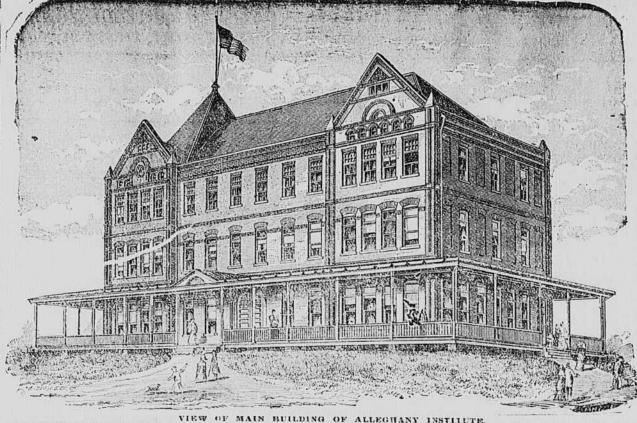
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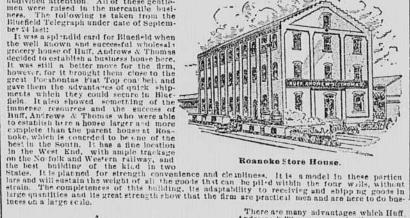
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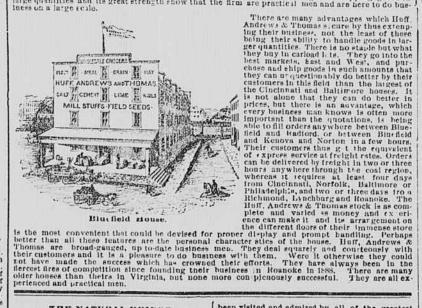
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